

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 30, 2021

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, August 30, 2021 at 5:03 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Robin LaBuwi called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mark Dyel. Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Robin LaBuwi, President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Shane Cockrum, Mark Dyel, Marci Glover and Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; and Robby Cockrum, Community Member.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Selection of Person to Fill Vacancy in Public Office

Executive Session – Shane Cockrum made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and the Selection of a Person to Fill a Vacancy in a Public Office. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:11 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:52 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover - yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Robby Cockrum, Community Member; and student council representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2021

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2021

5.2 Approve Financial Report (August 2021)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (August 2021)

5.4 Review/Approve Annual Administrator/Teacher Salary and Benefits Report

5.5 Review/Approve Band/Dance Team Disney Trip

5.6 Review/Approve Request for Wrestling Overnight Trip to Robinson

5.7 Review/Approve Josten's Yearbook Agreement for 2021-22 SY & 2022-23 SY (ENCL C)

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover - yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Enclosure C has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following information:

- Thank you to faculty and staff for continuing to work so hard during this difficult year.
- Staff COVID Testing update
- Multi-purpose facility - request for cost estimate
- Substitute pay rates to be reviewed
- Rich Herrin celebration of life, October 23, 2021
- Mark Minor - 32 years of service as BCHS Board Member

Mr. Thomas commented on the following information:

- Extra-curricular updates
- Attendance & COVID report

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Review/Adopt FY22 Budget Mitch Bennett made a motion to adopt the FY22 Budget as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Assignment of Personnel Mitch Bennett made a motion to assign Alisa Leffler to the musical drama position for the 2021-22 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to assign Jay Copple to the musical set/construction position for the 2021-22 school year. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to assign Dottie Darr to the musical costume/props position for the 2021-22 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett made a motion to assign Timothy McMeen to the musical tickets/scripts position for the 2021-22 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve Joey Clinton as the assistant speech coach for the 2021-22 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Aaron Webb as an assistant football coach for the 2021-22 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Casey McCommons as an assistant football coach for the 2021-22 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Employment of Personnel Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the letter of resignation from Bonnie Seddon as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the leave request from Jennie Gibbs as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the letter of intent to retire from Skyla Stotlar as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the letter of intent to retire from Wade Thomas as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum-no, Mark Dyel-yes, Marci Glover-yes, Kenny Irvin-yes, Robin LaBuwi-yes, and Mitch Bennett-yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Lynn Rone as a part time cook for the 2021-22 school year. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Sarah Johnson as a part time cook for the 2021-22 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions

9.5 Review/Approve Administrator Contracts Mark Dyel made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Contract for Employment for Curriculum and Technology Director as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Mark Dyel made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Contract for Employment for Assistant Principal/Athletic Director/Transportation Director as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Mark Dyel made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Contract for Employment for School Principal as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Contract for Employment for School Superintendent as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.6 Appoint Representative to Franklin-Jefferson Special Education Governing Board

Mitch Bennett made a motion to appoint Mark Dyel as the representative and Robin LaBuwi as the alternate representative to the Franklin-Jefferson Special Education Governing Board. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.7 Review/Approve Proposal to Refinish Stadium Varsity Locker Room Floor Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the proposal to refinish the stadium varsity locker room floor as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.8 Review/Approve School Maintenance Project Grant Application Marci Glover made a motion to approve the application for the school maintenance project grant as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.9 Review/Approve 2021-22 Coaches Handbook

9.10 Approve Board Member Appointment to Fill Vacant Seat-Take Oath and Be Seated Mitch Bennett made a motion to appoint Robby Cockrum as Board of Education Member to fill the vacant seat. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett administered the Oath of Office to Robby Cockrum.

9.11 Elect Vice-President Mark Dyel nominated Marci Glover for Vice-President. Marci Glover nominated Mitch Bennett for Vice-President. Nominations were closed. Upon a roll call vote for Marci Glover for Vice-President, members voted as follows: Mark Dyel-yes, Marci Glover-no, Kenny Irvin-

yes, Robin LaBuwi-yes, Mitch Bennett-yes, Shane Cockrum-yes, and Robby Cockrum-yes. Motion carried.

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10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS Robin LaBuwi notified the board that he would be setting board committees.

11. ADJOURNMENT Marci Glover made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY